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("CIA--MASTERMIND BEHIND A CONSPIRACY AGAINST CYPRUS")

(TEXT) "FROM THE VERY FIRST DAYS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS THE UNITED STATES AND NATO HAVE BEEN HATCHING PLANS FOR LIQUIDATING THIS INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE, AN EQUAL MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND FOR MAKING IT A PLACE D'ARMES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC BLOC," B. SHCHETININ WRITES IN PRAVDA TODAY. "AFTER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS REJECTED ALL THESE 'PLANS', CIA AND THE PENTAGON, HELPED BY ATHENS REACTION AND THE RABID FASCIST GENERAL GRIVAS, COMMANDER OF CYPRUS ARMED FORCES, PUT FORWARD THE SLOGAN OF 'ENOSIS'--REUNION WITH GREECE-- IN ORDER TO USE IT AS A SCREEN FOR PLACING THE ISLAND UNDER NATO'S CONTROL AND DISMEMBERING IT AMONG THE NATO ALLIES 'CONCERNED'".

SHCHETININ WRITES ABOUT THE INCREASED ACTIVITY OF THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ON THE ISLAND. "SKILLED AGENTS HAVE BEEN SENT THERE TO TAKE UP NUMEROUS DIPLOMATIC POSTS AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NICOSIA." THREE AMERICAN SPYING RADIO CENTERS--CARAVAS, EROLACOS AND MIA MILIA--WHICH ARE SPYING AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, SOCIALIST CAMP COUNTRIES, ARAB COUNTRIES, AND THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, HAVE BECOME CENTER OF CIA BRANCHES AND OFFICES IN THE ISLAND.

B. SHCHETININ TELLS IN HIS ARTICLE ABOUT THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN CYPRUS. AMERICANS, HE SAYS, HAVE BUILT CLUBS, LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS, AND SO-CALLED "CULTURAL CENTERS" IN CYPRUS. ALL THESE INSTITUTIONS HAVE FOR THEIR OBJECT ANTICOMMUNIST PROPAGANDA AND OVERT AND COVERT ESPIONAGE.

THERE IS A RATHER WIDE CIRCLE OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE, THE ARTICLE GOES ON. "THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT CARE MUCH ABOUT THE CONTINUED INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND WHO ARE NOT AGAINST MAKING MONEY ON THIS DIRTY BUSINESS. CODIFIED REPORTS FROM RECRUITED AGENTS ARE COMING IN CONSTANTLY TO THE CIA HEADQUARTERS OVER TELEPHONE 51-51."

THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IS ENGAGED IN SUBVERSION AGAINST THE MAKARIOS GOVERNMENT IN AN EFFORT TO PROVE THAT IT IS "INCAPABLE OF CONTROLLING THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY." PROVOCATIONS AND BOMB EXPLOSIONS STAGED BY THE CIA IN DIFFERENT CYPRIOT CITIES ARE AIMED AT "UNDERMINING THE UNITY OF CYPRIOTS IN THEIR ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE." THE OTHER ASPECT OF CIA ACTIVITIES IN CYPRUS, THE ARTICLE SAYS IN CONCLUSION, IS AIMED AT "DEALING A BLOW AT THE FORCES WHICH WANT TO PRESERVE THE REPUBLIC AS AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE, AT SETTING CYPRUS AT LOGGERHEADS WITH ITS SINCERE FRIENDS--THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND ARAB STATES--THEREBY DEPRIVING IT OF SUPPORT IN ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE INTRIGUES OF THE IMPERIALIST FORCES."

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